

Merrie Christmas



Merry Christmas, and Paid in Full

How Silas Vaughan Contributed to Yuletide Cheer of the Needy.

By FRANK HERBERT SWEET

IT WAS an eloquent plea for the public building, an urge for its beauty, its value to the town, the educational gift to the eyes of youth. The speaker was hypnotic.

He had been engaged for that. Purses strings were loosened. Money poured freely—twenty, fifty, a hundred, five hundred. And it was Christmas. They went to Silas Vaughan, the grocer leader, a wealthy man of the town. People looked surreptitiously to see what magnificent sum he would give.

At first a hand went into his pocket like the others, then came out—and



the arms were folded. There was an audible gasp from watchful eyes. More pleas came, more solicitors went round, man to man.

But Silas sat there, arms folded, right, unmoved.

"Times are too hard," he was heard to say in answer to an importunate beggar. "It is a bad year for such a building."

"Not bad for me, and all those who in the evening came a big church community Christmas tree."

Most of the donors of the public building were there, rather proud of themselves and not above circulating bits of criticism. When Silas entered, there was no uncertain air of chilliness in the room. A few nodded to him, but frigidly.

Silas appeared to take no notice, and found a seat near the front, where apparently he sat calm and unmoved.

A poorly-dressed man down in front had been looking about expectantly, as though waiting for some one to speak. Suddenly he rose.

"I ain't no speaker," he called, loudly, "but I got suthin' to say. 'Bout the new buildin', I ain't nothin' but only seems too much money

yield to noble impulses," said a neighbor in a voice that all could hear.

The next day was Christmas, with the grocery and drug stores open for a few hours. Silas Vaughan went to his desk and took out twice as many bills as ever had been allowed to accumulate before. Times were hard, and more were obliged to charge.

Fully half of the accounts were selected from the others, and several words written at the bottom. That took nearly an hour. Then he slipped the bills into his pocket, put on his hat and coat, and went out, leaving the store to the clerks.

It was nearly closing time when he came back. This he occupied with packing and arranging a number of baskets with fruit and nuts and candy, which he sent out anonymously.

for real need. An I never liked 'horn-blowin'. Now, it's been an awful hard time for workin' folks, on 'count o' there bein' so much slack. First time I couldn't pay up in twenty years. I couldn't see no Christmas for me. Now, listen: This mornin' a feller carried papers all round. I got one. First, I felt it was a sheriff thing, like.



Then I read on the bottom, 'I hope this will be the beginning of better things. Merry Christmas. Paid in full. Silas Vaughan.' Mine was thirty dollars. Si must 'a' given away more'n a thousand."

He sat down. Silas had lost all his composure. He tried to slip away. But hands and apologies were appearing from all sides. He was pushed to the platform and told to make a speech. He would have made a mess of it, but all were cheering so wildly no one could hear. So it did not matter.

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CHARITY BALL NEW YEAR EVE

ANNUAL PARTY PROMISES TO BE FINE AFFAIR.

Probably the most pleasant affair of the holiday season will be the annual Charity Ball that will take place on New Year's Eve at the High School gymnasium. Every detail is being given marked attention and everyone is assured a pleasant New Year's Eve. The large school gymnasium will be attractively decorated and everything did to give the place an inviting appearance. Schram's Ramblers will furnish the music for dancing and there will be other entertainment during the evening.

The affair is given as a benefit for Grayling Mercy Hospital, and under the auspices of the ladies of the Hospital Aid society. It is for a very fine cause and should have the hearty support of the public. The bill is \$1.00, with a charge of 50c for extra lunch. In former years the price has been \$1.50 which included charge for lunch, but this year the ladies decided to make the admission price \$1.00, lunch to be served to those who wish it at an extra charge of 25c per person.

Watch the old year out and the new year in as guests of the Mercy Hospital Aid society.

NOTICE

People are asked not to ring central at the Grayling Telephone exchange at the time of a fire and inquire where the fire is. The telephone exchange is no information bureau, so please do not call at such times except in cases of extreme necessity. This little courtesy to the telephone operator will be very much appreciated. Grayling Telephone Company.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all those who were so kind during the illness and death of our husband and father. And also for the beautiful floral pieces sent.

Mrs. Jens Jorgenson, Axel Jorgenson.

The Gladness of the World



When o'er the moonlit, misty fields,
Dumb with the world's great joy,
The shepherds sought the white-walled town,
Where lay the baby boy—
And, oh, the gladness of the world,
The glory of the skies,
Because the longed-for Christ looked up
In happy Mary's eyes!

—Memorized Deland



In accordance with the spirit of the time we wish to express our thanks to the subscribers for the keen interest they have shown in the various numbers.

And it is fitting, too, that we here say "Thank You" for the many orders of printing which this office has received, and for the nice volume of advertising in general with which our patrons have favored us.

Our Holiday Sentiments

'Tis Christmas and in fancy we are sitting with you in our sanctorium while the curling smoke of the peace pipe weaves our wishes of happiness and prosperity for you and yours. May the spirit of good will and progressive co-operation be your guiding star to the most successful year you have ever known.

CRAWFORD AVALANCHE,
O. P. Schumann, Publisher.

COL. MITCHELL GUILTY; SUSPENDED 5 YEARS

Court-Martial Lenient Because of Military Record of Accused.

Washington.—Guilty on all the eight specifications of the general charge of insubordination is the verdict against Col. William Mitchell.

The punishment is suspension from rank, command, and duty for five years, with forfeiture of all pay and allowances for the same period.

The verdict adds: "The court is thus lenient because of the military record of the accused during the world war."

In a civil court the verdict would be comparable to a verdict of guilty of larceny.

The jury of nine generals and one colonel constituting the court-martial deliberated for 2 hours 51 minutes.

Colonel Mitchell took his seat as if a gentleman and a soldier. He rose from his chair and became the center of a babbling group of lawyers and correspondents. With them he began to talk animatedly, laughing the while, and suddenly remarked in a ringing voice and with a gesture toward his ten judges: "Why, these men are all my friends!"

With that he walked up to Maj. Gen. Robert Lee Howze, president of the court, and extended his right hand, which General Howze grasped, saying as he did so: "Good-by, Billy!"

The other nine judges followed their president's cue, shook the colonel by the hand, and heartily said: "Good-by, Billy!" and "Good-by, Billy!"

Mrs. Mitchell, a good soldier throughout the long ordeal of this trial, was for a few seconds after the verdict on the verge of tears. The eight specifications of the general charge were based upon Colonel Mitchell's "making, uttering, and publishing" on September 5 and September 9, 1925, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, lengthy statements in which he charged "incompetency, criminal negligence, and almost treasonable administration of the national defense by the Navy and War department."

The immediate cause of the statements was the disaster to the airship Shenandoah in Ohio with the loss of 14 lives and the failure of the Hawaiian night, but the statements comprehended a general condemnation of the administration of the air service.

Their result was the ordering by the President to a court-martial to try Colonel Mitchell.

Court's Decision Great

Mistake, Says Gov. Small

Springfield, Ill.—Governor Small issued the following statement in regard to the Supreme court decision which ruled that he must pay the state of Illinois \$1,000,000 interest on state funds which he sought to retain.

"To the people of Illinois: 'I know that a great mistake has been made by this decision. I know, and the evidence proves that I paid into the state treasury every dollar which I received while state treasurer as interest upon state funds.'

"A petition for rehearing will be filed in due course asking the court to reconsider its decision.

"I feel certain that the men and women of Illinois who for years have observed me in the performance of my official duties will continue to have that faith in me which I believe my record as a public official warrants."

LEN SMALL,
Governor of Illinois

Mrs. Valentino Asks

Paris Court for Divorce

Paris.—Winifred Hudnut Valentino's divorce action against Rudolph Valentino finally has come into the open. The action became a part of Paris court records.

Papers in the action show the couple was married in Crown Point, Ind., in 1923, where the couple went to legalize their Mexican marriage.

New York.—Natacha Rambova's only comment when told cable dispatches announced her action for divorce, was:

"It's true. I have sued and I await a final decree."

"What caused you to bring the action?"

"There is nothing to it at all, simply incompatibility."

Assault City of Rome Captain

Boston.—Lieutenant Commander Charles A. Lockwood, judge advocate before the naval board of inquiry into the sinking of the submarine S-51, charged that the story of Capt. John H. Diehl, of the City of Rome, which rumormongered the sub, was false.

Isn't it about time President Coolidge began inviting the boys in for some of those old-fashioned back-slap and shake-up?

ALL SET FOR THE CHRISTMAS TREE

THERE WILL BE XMAS CAROLS AND PRESENTS FOR KIDDIES.

The municipal Christmas Tree is all set and ready for the people. It adorns the street corner at Main and Peninsular and is a beauty, all trimmed and lighted. Tonight the people of the city will gather about and participate, and singing Christmas carols, and genuine yuletide spirit is certain to radiate from the hearts of all those who may mingle and join in the singing or listen to the songs.

This treat to the public is being sponsored by the ladies of the Good Fellowship club, with in the absence of Mrs. Marius Hanson who is ill, Mrs. Oscar Schumann as general chairman and Mrs. G. G. Chipport as chairman of the music. Grateful hands will be present and assist in furnishing the

music. It is the desire of the committee that all children be given space nearest the tree, while the adults stand in the circle further back.

In addition to the municipal tree, members of the Pythian order will remember the youngsters in real Santa Claus fashion except for coming down the chimney. But old Santa will be there and there will be six hundred bags of candy, nuts and popcorn balls to distribute to all the children under the age of twelve years, and toys, dolls and other articles to those under the age of nine. A canvas of the city was made by the members and a list of all children between the ages of one and twelve have been sent special invitations to attend the presenting of the presents. An earnest effort has been made to get the names of every boy and girl and it is hoped that no little boy or girl has been left out. The children should bring their invitations, and present them to Santa Claus. At the proper time they should form in line and pass before the presentation station.

We are sure this is going to be a happy night for both young and old. Everybody is invited to be there.

To Turn Wood Black

One of the simplest ways to stain wood black is to drop a small quantity of sulphuric acid into a little water, and then brush this over the wood. Afterwards wash the wood with the water and the result will be a fine black color that will take a good polish.

Indian Summer

Scientists have ascribed the warmth of Indian summer to oxidation of dying and dead leaves. Persistence of northerly winds may neutralize warmth of Indian summer, but oxidation of organic matter continues.

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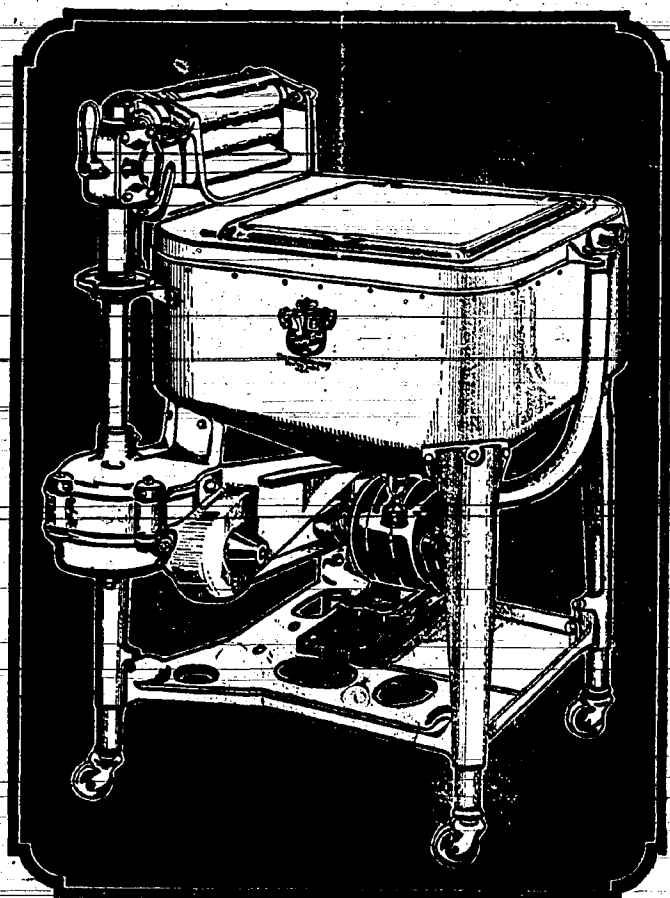
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Special Christmas Offer

During the Christmas season
ONLY we will deliver a "Maytag"
Washer for

\$5.00 down payment,

balance in 12 monthly payments.



An Ideal Gift for "her" because "Maytag" Xmas means a "Happy New Year."

Grayling Electric Co.
Phone 292

Christmas Cheer

Now comes the time of peace and mirth
To gladden and rejoice the earth;
Kind thoughts to wake, all hearts to fill
With memories, wishes and good will.

Among our assets we like to count the only one that money cannot buy, your good will. And so at this Holiday Season we extend to you, not as a customer alone, but as a friend, the Best of Wishes for the coming year.

T. W. Hanson

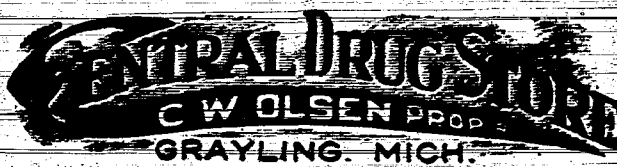
Wholesale **LUMBER** Retail
GRAYLING, MICH.



In addition to it being a custom at this time of the year for everyone to wish everyone else a Merry Christmas, we consider it a privilege to wish our friends and customers a

Merry Christmas.

We hope that we may see you in person to extend our best wishes to you, but if not, please consider this message as direct from our hearts.



CRAVED AVANCEE

O. P. SCHUMANN, Editor.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

One Year	\$2.00
Six Months	1.00
Three Months	.50

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1932

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the Village of Grayling was held on the 21st day of December, 1932.

Present: C. C. McCullough, president; P. Moran, G. W. McCullough, Geo. Burke.

Absent: D. Hoesli, Frank Sales.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Report of the Committee on Finance, Claims and Accounts.

To the President and members of the Common Council:

Your Committee on Finance, Claims and Accounts respectfully recommends that the accompanying bills be allowed as follows:

Crawford Co. Road Commission, \$15.00

Grayling Electric Co., November service, \$15.00

Alfred Hanson, Gas and oil, \$5.00

M. A. Bates, Telephone rental, \$2.50

Chas. Fehr, Payroll Nov. 11, \$25.00

Chas. Fehr, Fire repairs, \$10.00

M. A. Bates, Postage, \$2.00

George Burke, Storage Nov., \$1.50

O. P. Schumann, Printing, \$2.00

B. E. Smith, Expense account, \$2.42

M. Hanson, Expense account, \$2.25

Chas. Fehr, Parcel Post, \$1.50

signed: C. C. McCullough, George Burke, Committee.

Moved by G. W. McCullough supported by Moran that the reports of the Committee on Finance, Claims and Accounts be accepted, approved and adopted and that the President and Clerk be and are herewith authorized to issue warrants in payment thereof, yes and nay vote called. All members present voting: yes, Motion carried.

Moved by Geo. Burke supported by G. W. McCullough that the Village Christmas tree and the necessary lighting for the same be purchased from the Central Drug Store.

Our fountain is closed temporarily, but we are selling Cokes, Cups, Ice Cream Sundaes, Sherbets, Bulk Cream and Special Brick. Our Priglight Cabinet is working full time, and you can be sure the Cream is hard when it leaves our store.

Central Drug Store.



AGENCY

Whitman's

CHOCOLATES

Central Drug Store--Phone No. 1.

GENERAL PROSPERITY REPORTED BY MELLON

Prospects for Continued Good Times in U. S. Reflected in Statement.

Washington.—The general prosperity of the nation and prospects for continued good times was reflected in Secretary of the Treasury Mellon's annual report made public here.

On the strength of this outlook Secretary Mellon urged continuation of the rapid retirement of the public debt and took sharp issue with those who advocate extending debt retirement over a period of 62 years, during which time foreign debtors are to pay their obligations to this country.

"The last year has been a period of genuine prosperity for practically all classes," says Secretary Mellon. "Corporate profits are running higher than for any year since 1919. Employment has been good, prices comparatively stable, and trade on a high level as reflected in record car loadings and bank deposits to individual accounts. While production has been high it has been a rule well adjusted to the rate of consumption and has not resulted in a general accumulation of large stocks. The automobile and building industries have continued to operate at a high level, and foreign trade has been increasing."

Secretary Mellon reviews progress made in the handling of debt and points out an improvement in world conditions generally. Reviewing business conditions, Secretary Mellon says the situation has been highly satisfactory, the progress of the economy and public debt retirement contributing to this situation. He points out in this connection the danger of making a greater tax reduction than is justified by prospective surpluses.

The report, however, contained a note of warning not to allow undue speculation in real estate or too unlimited buying in credit to undermine the healthy sound condition. The Florida land boom evidently is the basis for a part of the warning.

Secretary Mellon said there was a tendency for the manufacturing public to buy every conceivable commodity at one time and to mortgage future earnings. He added that business men were conducting their affairs with caution and restraint in order that prosperity might not bring carelessness.

The secretary then turned to the question of prohibition enforcement, which demands upon his department, and said that he expects a marked advance in prohibition enforcement as a result of the recent reorganization.

Ash Congress to Rush Four Waterway Projects

Washington.—Delegates attending the Ash Congress will rush four waterway projects.

The delegates, who are attending the Ash Congress at the University of Chicago, will rush four waterway projects, including the Mississippi river system and the improvement of the Great Lakes.

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Food Prices Show Gain of Two to Five Per Cent

Washington.—With the advance of winter the retail cost of food showed a sharp rise during November, ranging from 2 per cent in Washington and Boston to 5 per cent in Louisville.

The advance in food prices was due to a number of factors, including the advance in the price of wheat and the advance in the price of meat.

Roosevelts Arrive in Delhi With Over 100

Delhi, India.—Kermit Roosevelt arrived here from his successful shooting expedition as one of the winners of the James Simpson Field-Roosevelt expedition in the Indian subcontinent.

The expedition, which was led by Kermit Roosevelt, was a successful one, and the party returned to Delhi with a large number of trophies.

Peoria-Des Moines Ram Runners Get Long Terms

Des Moines, Iowa.—Five of the six men who pleaded guilty to the Peoria-Des Moines conspiracy case were sentenced to 18 months in the federal penitentiary by Judge Andrew Miller.

The sixth man, W. D. Bennett, who turned state's evidence, was fined \$1,000.

Gives Y. W. C. A. \$1,000,000

Chicago.—Cyrus H. McCormick translated into enduring form the devotion to good work which his wife, Harriet Hammond McCormick, manifested until her death when he gave \$1,000,000 to the Y. W. C. A. of Chicago for the construction of a ten-story memorial building.

Utah Records Earthquake

Salt Lake City.—The seismograph at the University of Utah recorded an earthquake.

READY TO COLLECT TAXES

The tax roll is now in my hands and I will be ready to collect taxes beginning December 24th. My office will be in the office of the county treasurer, and open from 8 to 12 a. m. and 1 to 5 p. m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings from 6 to 9 p. m. Please bring your old tax receipt.

Carl J. Jensen, Treasurer Grayling, Mich.

SLOGAN CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Announcement has just been made by Mr. F. L. Bloom of the Bloom Company, producer commission merchants of Detroit, of the winners in the slogan contest which this concern fostered in connection with the Top O' Michigan Potato & Apple Show at Gaylord this fall. This company offered \$10 for the best selling slogan for King Spud (a fancy brand of potatoes put up by Otsego County growers) potatoes. The first prize was awarded to Mr. W. H. Hill, General Agent, New York Central Lines, for his slogan, "Highest Quality, Least Waste."

Thus, at the rate of \$2.50 a word, Mr. Hill is rewarded for putting together four words which the judges considered as coming nearest to describing the fancy brand and recommending it to the consumer.

Over 325 slogans were presented for this contest, many of them very original and adaptable. The following eleven were selected as the best, from which the winning slogan was finally chosen:

"Highest Quality—Least Waste. He reigns thru Quality. Not just good—but perfect. Monarch of the Dinner Place. The Gold standard of potatoes. From choice fields for choice tables. The choicest of the year's yield. Sovereign of Spuddom. His Scepter is Quality. The kind the best cooks cook. Selected from seed to table."

In commenting on the slogan which will be used henceforth in all literature describing the King Spud brand of potatoes, Mr. Bloom said, "We particularly like the slogan, 'Highest Quality, Least Waste,' because it brings out the two outstanding virtues of the brand—quality and economy. The buyer for one of the largest retail grocery stores in Detroit, acting as one of the judges of this contest said that this slogan would help him more in selling the potatoes to casual customers than any of the other slogans."

This retail store uses the King Spud brand exclusively. Another reason why we chose this slogan is because it presents the selling qualities in concrete, tangible terms. We are highly gratified with the response in this slogan contest. We feel that we have secured a wonderful slogan as a contribution to the potato industry that it will help the farmers of Michigan, Michigan potato growers, and their customers.

Mrs. Belva Sholts passed away.

Mrs. Belva Sholts died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Hoesli, at 1005 W. Main St., Grayling, Mich., on December 21st, 1932.

Mrs. Sholts was born in New York state and came to Grayling when she was a little girl. She moved with her parents to Grayling on June 12, 1876. She was united in marriage to the late Frederick Sholts of Powers, at St. Charles, Mich. In the year 1880 they moved with their family to Centre Plains, Crawford Co., Pa.

To the union were born six children five of which survive. One daughter, Dora, having died 16 years ago.

Besides her five children, Mrs. Sholts had six grandchildren, three of whom are now living.

Mrs. Sholts was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was a devoted and active worker in the church.

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SENATORIAL HOSTESS



With the reopening of congress the special function of Mrs. King, wife of Senator William H. King, of Utah, again assumes large proportions as Mrs. King is one of the most charming of the senatorial hostesses.

PRESIDENT'S BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR 1927

Figures Show Increase of \$154,420,861 Over 1926.

Washington.—President Coolidge's estimate for federal government needs during the fiscal year 1927, beginning July 1, are shown in the following table:

Legislative establishment, \$ 15,493,331
Executive establishment, 441,940
Judicial establishment, 1,001,592
Civil service commission, 2,743,340
Federal Board of Work, 1,223,820
Federal Trade Commission, 397,300
General Accounting Office, 774,400
Housing Corporation, 474,338
Interstate Commerce Commission, 3,032,309
Public Buildings and Public Parks, 2,253,350
Toll Commission, 199,300
Shipping Board, 1,194,574
Smithsonian Institution, 2,347,000
United States Veterans, 458,945,000
Other independent offices, 4,779,878
Department of Agriculture, 140,111,758
Department of Commerce, 39,405,847
Department of the Interior, 250,000,000
Department of Justice, 2,347,000
Department of Labor, 1,747,393
Navy Department, 322,869,430
State Department, 152,532,322
Treasury Department, 157,543,712
War Department, incl. Panama Canal, 235,441,525
District of Columbia, 15,424,579
Total ordinary, \$1,545,544,360
Reduction in principal of public debt, \$115,332,338
Interest on public debt, \$135,000,000
Total payable from Treasury, \$1,545,130,353
Post office and postal services, 193,744,000
Total, \$1,738,874,353

Estimated increase for 1927 over 1926, \$154,420,861 over the appropriations for 1926. This compares with a budget deficit of \$190,053,326 for the year 1926. The difference is accounted for by the fact that appropriations made for public debt retirement and interest do not compare with actual requirements.

Export Board Would Control Farm Prices

Washington.—Farm prices in export board to fix prices on farm products was introduced in the Senate by Senator Sherman of Minnesota.

The bill is similar in principle to the McNary-Haugen bill, it proposes an export price control in much the same manner as interstate and state commerce commissions fix rates for railroads, gas and electric companies and other public utilities.

Senator Sherman says the purpose of the bill is to fix an American price for the American farmer and place him on a level with other industries.

Canada's Lumber King Dies

Ottawa, Ont.—Canada's lumber king, Ottawa's grand old man, J. R. Booth, died here at the age of ninety-eight.

Booth was a native of England and came to Canada in 1840. He was a member of the House of Commons from 1871 to 1874.

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For that party you intend giving—we carry a complete stock of boy's and girl's Party Invitations, Tally Cards, Announcements, etc.

Birthday Candles, 24 in box, all colors, 5c a box
Birthday Cake Candle Holders, 1c each.

For that forgotten friend we have some nice handkerchiefs in gift boxes at—
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Nickle-plated brass Safety Pins, 50 on card, 10c
5c Matches, 12 boxes in package, 50c
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Yarn Mittens, extra long wrists, 50c
Radio Pliers, regular 50c value, 25c
Waste Paper Baskets, strong wire, 45c

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FOR SALE—STRICTLY FRESH
eggs. Leave orders at the Soap-passage Tea Room.

WANTED TO BUY A SECOND-
Hand Sewing Machine. Must be in good condition. Ladies Aid of Nicholson Memorial Church. Notify Mrs. L. J. Kraus.

FOR SALE—FOR BEST OFFER
one January 30th, 1933. The N. W. 1/4 of N. W. 1/4 and the N. W. 1/4 of Sec. Eight, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford Co., Minn. Ed. B. Mahan, St. Charles, Minn.

WANTED—MIN FOR JANITOR
service—steady work and good pay. For particulars apply to Avalanche Office.

FOR SALE—CHAS. BLAIR PROP.
any west of Lake coast bridge on AuSable river, containing 83 acres and a good house, barn and garage. Inquire of Geo. McCullough, Grayling, Mich.

LOST—NOV. 6TH A HAND BAG
containing two medicine cases and two trousseaus. Liberal reward to finder. Leave information at Avalanche office. 12-3-2

WASHING AND IRONING WANTED.
Near South Side school. Mrs. Buehler.

FOR RENT—GOOD HOUSE NEAR
South Side School. Inquire at Avalanche Office.

HOUSE FOR RENT—CLOSE TO
Business section. Inquire at Avalanche Office.

COWS FOR SALE—TWO MILCH
cows, part Jersey. Inquire of J. I. Pentlin, 4 miles east of Grayling. Also a quantity of Hay and Straw.

CASH FOR DENTAL GOLD, PLAT-
inum, Silver, Diamonds, magnets, points, false teeth, jewelry, any valuables. Mail today. Cash by return mail. Hoke & Co., Chicago, Michigan.

Subscribe for the Avalanche.
I will be in my office at my home in Beaver Creek township every Friday during the month of December. I receive taxes.

12-10-32 Alva Annis, Treasurer

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While many friends on Christmas Day
Send greetings good and true
Just let us add to all they say—
Our own sincere "we too."

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LOCAL NEWS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1925.

A merry Christmas to all.

Miss Mildred Corwin of Lansing is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Corwin.

O. M. Turner, who is employed in Saginaw is visiting his family.

Mrs. Biondini of Mackinac City visited his sister Mrs. Daniel Howitt over the week end.

Chas. Adams and family have moved into the house they recently purchased from Nick Schlotz.

Mrs. Elmer Simpson and daughter Donna of Stittsville are visiting relative and friends here.

A line of new dresses at the Gift Shop, Charity Ball, Dec. 31st.

Mrs. Cooley.

Amos Colbath of Mt. Clemens is in the city a few days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Colbath.

Miss Beulah Colleen of Detroit is here to visit over Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Colleen.

Henry Ahman is home from the U. of M. Ann Arbor to spend the holidays visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ahman.

Misses Ingeborg and Agnes Hanson of Detroit expect to spend Christmas visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hanson.

Harold Schmidt, who is employed in Detroit is here to spend the holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Holger Schmidt.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Meistrup, daughter Elizabeth Ann and son Junior will be guests at the home of Mrs. Victor Salling over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Smith expect to spend Christmas and the remainder of the week guests of the latter's mother, Mrs. King at Houghton Lake.

Mrs. Will Green and children left Friday for Detroit to spend the holidays with Mr. Green also Mrs. Green's parents Mr. and Mrs. Hendrickson Cook.

Misses Marguerite Cowell and Florence McGraw were guests of the former's grandmother Mrs. Mary Turner last Friday while enroute to their home at the Soo from Ypsilanti.

Mrs. Hensline Hanson is making extensive repairs on the interior of the building at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Cedar street, formerly occupied as a soft drink parlor.

Mrs. Phoebe Owen returned the fore part of last week from Lovells, where she had been visiting since before Thanksgiving. She left Tuesday for Detroit to spend the winter with her granddaughter Mrs. Ruth Stoller.

Mrs. D. E. Winer of Vanderbilt visited the B. A. Cooley home Tuesday.

Herbert Seren returned from Flint Tuesday, where he had been for the past couple of weeks.

Mrs. Kate Loskos left Tuesday for Grand Rapids to spend several days visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ed Morosy.

The big event of the season, you will need a new gown. Let us try to please you. Mrs. Cooley, at the Gift Shop.

Master Charles Taylor left for Detroit Tuesday to spend the holidays with his sisters who are employed in that city.

Miss Helen Ziebell arrived from Detroit Sunday morning to visit over the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ziebell.

Mrs. Emil Kraus and son William returned Monday from a pleasant visit with relatives in Hurley and Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. George Biggs expect their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Barber of Durand to spend Christmas with them.

Conrad Howse and daughter Miss Iva returned home Tuesday from Grand Rapids and points in Indiana, where they had been visiting.

Wayne Ewalt left Tuesday morning for Mackinac City to visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ewalt over the holidays.

Miss Bernice McNeven, who is employed in Detroit is here to spend Christmas at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. James McNeven.

Miss Claribel Lovelly and Richard Lovelly of Bay City will arrive Christmas morning to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lovelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Jorgenson will have as their guests over Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Warner and little son Ralph and Ernest Jorgenson of Detroit.

Miss Loretta McDonald who is attending the Central State Normal at Mt. Pleasant is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Sivralis have gone to Flint to spend the winter with their daughters Mrs. Harold Miller and Mrs. Arthur Johnson. While away they also expect to spend some time in Detroit.

The old Avalanche gasoline engine that had been so faithful to us for about ten years, now is doing duty at the Charles Corwin farm in South Branch township, pumping water and helping out in other farm work. We wouldn't have parted with it except for electricity, the premier of all powers.

Mark Murray of Detroit arrived in town this morning to spend a few days at the Murray Lodge on the Au-Sable hunting rabbits. His father, Edgar A. Murray, is expected to arrive tomorrow morning. Mark is still a student of the Culver Military college.



MERRY XMAS

From the Grocery Store that serves you with a Christmas smile of good cheer each and every day throughout the year—and where you will always find the spirit of fairness and good will predominant.

H. Petersen, Grocer

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Harry Helper of Helper & Clinkofstine is leaving today to spend Christmas at his home in Bay City.

Miss Minnie Daugherty and son Ella will leave tonight to spend Christmas in Bay City.

Don't forget that English Plum Pudding for your Christmas dinner. Order it at Olaf Sorenson & Sons.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gillett are leaving this afternoon to spend Christmas the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Steggall.

Mrs. Elma Hemmingson and daughter Doris of Mt. Pleasant are visiting at the home of her brother Wilhelm Neilsen over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Campbell of Mt. Pleasant are spending the holidays at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hanson.

A Christmas suggestion, a new dress for the Charity Ball, Dec. 31st. Remember we make all necessary alterations at the Gift Shop.

Mrs. Mose Laurent left for Gayboygan this morning called there by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Malafant, who suffered a stroke of paralysis a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold G. Jarmin and children Alton and Joan are spending Christmas with relatives in Bay City, guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Hawthorne and Mr. Jarmin's parents.

The new Victor Orthophone sold by the Central Drug store appears to have every other phonograph eclipsed for purity and quality of tone. They have sold a number for Christmas.

Mac & Gidley's doll contest closes tonight and it looks as though Francis Jane Corwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Corwin was leading the contest with a large margin of votes.

Fourteen other girls are due to also receive prizes of beautiful talking dolls.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Petersen over Christmas will be Mr. and Mrs. William Pober and daughters, Nadine and Berle and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Petersen of Detroit; Mrs. Clarence Claggett and children of Maumee Ohio, Miss Marjorie Petersen, Bay City, Mr. and Mrs. James Olson and children of Oxford.

E. A. Wright of the Public Service Corp. of Cheboygan was in the city Tuesday on business in connection with the local electric plant. He says it is a pleasure to come to Grayling for he knows that the people here appreciate the new electric service and that he is always met with a smile.

Grayling is now receiving all the electric juice they may need for lighting, heating and power, and it is a joy indeed.

Mrs. Anthony Trudeau delightfully entertained the It Suits It club at her home Wednesday evening of last week. Mrs. Ambrose McClain and Mrs. Elnor Matson won the prizes.

A lovely lunch was enjoyed. Mrs. Arnold Burrows was a guest. The week previous Mrs. Victor Smith was hostess to the club and served a delicious oyster stew. Mrs. Chas. Fehr held the highest score on that evening and Mrs. Adler Jorgenson received the consolation prize.

The home of N. W. Colbath on Norway street was gutted by fire Saturday night at about 11:30 o'clock, which was caused from an overheated stove and was not discovered until it had gained quite a headway. Mr. Colbath carried a small amount of insurance but not enough to cover the loss.

The household furniture and the interior of the building were wrecked. The fire department was called and did good work in saving adjacent buildings, keeping the blaze under excellent control.

George Straus of West Branch, book-keeper for Frank Smith & Son of that city, a patient at Mercy hospital as the result of injuries received last Sunday night near St. Helen, when he jumped from a moving automobile. Mr. Straus was in company with James Grover Jr. of St. Helen and as the machine skidded on the icy road and looked as though it would turn over he jumped from it. His head and face were badly lacerated and bruised, but his injuries are not considered serious and he is getting along nicely.

The sad news was received by Grayling friends Monday of the death of Detroit that afternoon after a severe illness. The Meistrup family were estimable residents of this city for several years and the news of that lady's death is a source of deep regret to her many friends. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon in Bay City where the remains were taken for interment. Mrs. A. H. Hark and daughter, Mrs. Virginia Hanson of Los Angeles have been in Detroit the past few days owing to Mrs. Meistrup's illness.

The Christmas exercises at the M. Church Tuesday evening consisting of recitations, songs and music were very well carried out by the children. The church was crowded to its doors and everyone enjoyed it very much. Following the program boxes of candy, oranges and apples were distributed to the children. This was their annual treat and as in former years the business men about town furnished the funds for it. The pastor and children wish to extend their thanks to those who helped to give them this Christmas cheer. All those who do not attend church services, or are not members of any church in the city are invited to join the congregation of the F. M. church. Also the little children are welcome to attend Sunday school.

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Fred Edwards is home from Flint to spend the holiday vacation.

Mrs. Oscar Hanson returned home Tuesday from a few days spent in Detroit.

You will find games, toys, dolls, glassware and china at half price and less. Ask the clerk to see our special counter. Sorenson Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Smith and son Genn expect to spend Christmas in Ionia, the guests of Mrs. Smith's parents.

Mrs. O. Milnes left Tuesday for Wolverine to be the guest of her son Eno Milnes and family over Christmas.

Mrs. Clarence Brown was in Bay City over Sunday visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodruff. She was accompanied by Helen Elaine McLeod.

The home of Mrs. A. Kraus will be merry over the Christmas season. A number of guests are expected to arrive. Mr. Wilfred Cohen of Detroit has already arrived and others are expected today.

In our perfume department you will find the products of Coty, Yardley, Caron, Houbigant, Raquet, Hudnut, Nylotis, Woodworth, Fivers and others. We believe in nationally known and advertised goods. Central Drug Store.

Grayling Opera House will present a couple of productions during the holiday season. "The Merry Widow" and "The Girl of the Year" are the attractions for the evening. The attractions will have the pleasure of seeing "Never the Twain Shall Meet."

New Year Eve and New Year night "Friendly Enemies" featuring Webber and Fields will be shown.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McKinley will spend Christmas with their son Ray and family in Gaylord. Mac says he is sorry he won't be in town tonight to help the Knights of Pythias distribute presents to the kiddies, for he has been a Pythian since 1892 and loves the Pythian principles. He is the efficient prelate of Gaylord lodge and his son Ray has just been elected Chancellor commander.

The business men report excellent Christmas trades. Most of the stores have extra clerks and all have been kept busy at times. The stores have been showing an unusually fine assortment of gift articles, both useful and ornamental, and the places have been nicely decorated in Yuletide fashion. Christmas smiles are seen everywhere one may go and it seems that the world is in perfect tune.

School closed last week Friday and the pupils and teachers are enjoying a two weeks vacation. Most of the latter have departed for their respective homes while the pupils are enjoying the time at home and a few taking advantage of the opportunity to visit friends and relatives in other cities. The weather has been ideal and outdoor hiking parties have been popular with some. A few are fixing their ice shanties preparatory to enjoy the ice spearing in the lakes next month.

Rueben S. Babbitt, well known deputy state game warden was in town Wednesday for about the first time since Thanksgiving day, when he was obliged to, for the first time in his life submit to the services of a doctor.

Mr. Babbitt was injured on Thanksgiving day when he attempted to drag a doe deer over Bald Hill for more than a mile when he strained his right leg so badly that he is still in a crippled condition. He says that he got the doe within about 60 rods of his home and could get no further. Assistance arrived and he as well as the deer had to be helped to the car. He is getting about very slowly by the aid of a cane and with much physical effort. He came in yesterday to get his hair cut which hadn't been trimmed for more than a month and was much in contrast to its usual trim appearance. Babbitt is glad to see Mr. Babbitt cut again and hope he may soon recover from his injuries.

Vote to Open Baseball Season One Week Earlier New York.—The salary of Lincoln B. Johnson, president of the American league, was increased from \$50,000 to \$40,000 and his contract extended from 1925 to 1935 at the annual meeting of league officials. Frank J. Navin of Detroit was re-elected vice president. The magnates voted to begin the season April 12 and close September 26, one week earlier than formerly, in order to try to find better weather and avoid competition between the football season and the world's series.

Amelia Bingham, Actress, Bound and Robbed New York.—Amelia Bingham, noted as a millionaire actress, was bound and gagged, along with her parlor maid and her seamstress, in a bedroom of her residence, 108 Riverside drive, by two young bandits, who made off with \$1,500, mostly in jewelry. She escaped by diverting their attention from a bag containing \$20,000 in cash and valuables.

Mrs. Bingham is the widow of Lloyd Bingham, who died while on the Ford peace mission.

Iowa Farmers Decide to Hold Corn for \$1.15 Bu. Des Moines, Iowa.—Resolutions suggesting that farmers hold their corn until they are able to secure \$1.15 a bushel for it on the Chicago market were unanimously passed at the closing session of the National Corn Growers' association here.

Asks Russian Recognition Washington.—Chairman Borah of the foreign relations committee of the United States senate introduced a resolution in the senate calling for the recognition of the Soviet government of Russia.

Approves Boundary Treaty Dublin.—Ireland's Daily Freeman ratified the treaty settling the boundary dispute between south and north Ireland. The vote as recorded was 71 to 30.



Yuletide Greetings

It is our sincere wish that our many customers and friends enjoy to the utmost the pleasures of the Holiday season, and the coming year be filled with profit and pleasure.

We also at this time, wish to express our thanks for the liberal patronage given us during the present year, and especially during the Holiday Season.

Grayling Mercantile Company

LOVELLS NEWS

An enjoyable time was had Saturday night at the home of Lola Papenfus. Progressive Pedro was played. Lee Kellogg (taking ladies part) and Edgar Douglas winning first prizes.

Miss L. Knepper and J. Duby winning consolation prizes. A lovely lunch was served.

Miss Ruth Stillwagon who is attending college at Olivet is home for the holidays.

John Sunday spent the week end at St. Helen.

Billie Husted is home for a few days.

Stella Stillwagon who is attending school at West Branch is home. Mrs. Husted accompanied her visiting her daughter Mrs. C. Stillwagon and Mrs. E. Douglas.

P. McPhail was in Lovells on business.

Harry Hunt of Red Oak was a Lovells caller Saturday.

Sheldon is busy hauling hay for Houghton's camp.

A truck returned from Detroit after another load of Christmas trees which they were unable to haul last week.

CARD OF THANKS

Our thanks and appreciation are extended to our friends and neighbors for their kindness and the floral offerings sent during our late bereavement. Especially do we wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Rev. Frye, those who sang, and the Gleaners of Centre Plains Arbor.

Mr. Charles Schlotz, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wilbur and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wallace and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. George Howes and family.



WE EXTEND TO ONE AND ALL A VERY

Merry Christmas

AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS

New Year

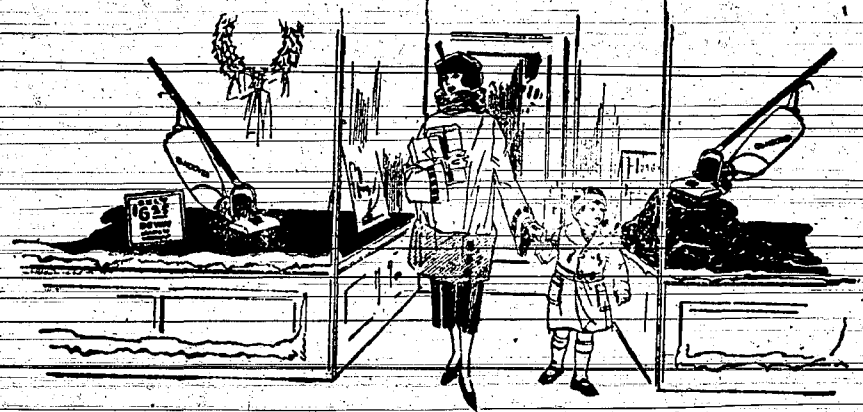
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Is that right? Then it can still be a "Hoover-Christmas." For there's nothing he would rather see you have than the freedom from drudgery, the leisure hours, the renewed pride in your home, which are yours

when the Hoover keeps your home clean.

Here is your chance to beat, sweep and air-clean your rugs electrically, easily, quickly, and to do your "dusting" as only the remarkable Hoover dusting tools can do it, with air-suction, dustlessly.

If you don't care to pay the entire cost of your Hoover, the balance—anything over \$6.25—will be divided into easy monthly amounts that will be no burden.

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We wish all our friends a very

Merry Christmas

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A Man and a Maid who
gambled their all for
love. A romance of untamed
devotion, tense with adven-
ture and sacrifice, rich with
the shimmering beauty of
the exotic South Seas.

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ALL-STAR CAST

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Settings by Joseph Urban

directed by
MAURICE TOURNEUR

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THURSDAY and FRIDAY

Dec. 24 and 25

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dresses, in the new colors and black.

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touches in Poirat Twill and Poirat Sheen. Plain
colors and striped materials. \$12.00 to \$14.00
values for

\$5.95 and \$7.95

Saturday Specials:

A few Coats, fur-trimmed at
prices that will surprise you.

Don't miss seeing these. First come,
first served.

Ladies' and Men's Shoes

Ladies' Pumps and Slippers and Men's Shoes and Ox-
fords are being closed out rapidly at Frank's.

Don't miss this. To see is to know. Goods are going out rapidly at
this store and it is up to you to get busy.

Wishing you one and all a

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

I am yours to please,

FRANK DREESE

HOUSE PASSES NEW TAX BILL 390 TO 25

Amended to Limit Tenure of
Office for Members of
Appeals Board.

Washington.—The house of representatives passed the tax bill. On a roll call vote of 390 to 25, the measure went sailing through all the amendments in the closing hours of a heated debate so as to reduce the tenure of office for members of the board of tax appeals to fourteen years. An attempt of Representative Rainey, Democrat of Illinois, to recommit the entire bill and report it back with a 25 per cent maximum surtax rate and a 25 per cent maximum estate tax rate failed on a roll call vote of 267 to 147.

The bill with its reductions in normal, surtax and estate tax rates, its increased exemptions and its reduced excise levies went through just as the committee had reported it on December 17.

The bill now goes to the senate where the finance committee is scheduled to "commence consideration" on January 4. It will reach the floor of the senate the latter part of January and is expected to become law by March 1, which will be time to make the cuts in income taxes effective on 1925 earnings for which returns must be filed by March 15.

The bill as passed reduced revenues approximately \$825,000,000 during the calendar year 1926, \$835,000,000 during 1927, and \$845,000,000 during 1928. Of this amount \$193,000,000 is accounted for by income tax reductions, \$82,000,000 is due to automobile tax cuts, \$2,000,000 to the repeal of the gift tax and the balance of \$49,000,000 is caused by the repeal of various miscellaneous taxes.

Income tax cuts provided by the bill include reduction of present normal rates of 2 per cent on the first \$4,000; 4 per cent on the next \$4,000; and 6 per cent above that amount, to 1%, 3% and 5 per cent, respectively. The maximum on which the 25 per cent earned income deduction applies is made \$25,000 instead of \$10,000.

Surtaxes are reduced to a maximum of 20 per cent, instead of 40 per cent. Personal exemptions are increased from \$1,000 for single persons to \$1,500 and from \$2,500 for heads of families to \$3,500.

The tax on corporation earnings remains unchanged at 15% per cent. The capital stock tax also remains in the bill.

The publicity provision of the present law, requiring amounts paid by individuals and corporations to be open to public inspection is repealed. The estate tax is reduced from a maximum of 40 per cent to a maximum of 20 per cent. The gift tax is repealed entirely.

Taxes on automobiles, trucks, tires, and accessories are repealed and the tax on automobiles is cut from 5 to 3 per cent. Taxes on cigars are cut by about 25 per cent. The tax on alcohol is cut in half over a period of two years.

Manufacturers' excise taxes and other miscellaneous taxes are repealed entirely.

The admission tax remains in the law, except for the exemption of the legitimate spoken drama.

President Favors Speeding Up of Waterway Projects

Washington.—The midwestern fight for speedy completion of the inland waterway system is beginning to show results.

This was indicated at the White House, when it was stated that President Coolidge, providing funds are available, is in favor of the expenditure of an additional \$10,000,000 during the next fiscal year in the development of the Mississippi river project, specifically including the lakes to the gulf link connecting Chicago and New Orleans.

The budget already provides approximately \$10,000,000 for the maintenance and development of the Mississippi system. The army engineers, however, recommended that an additional \$10,000,000 could probably be spent in hurrying its completion.

Eight Bandits Terrorize Town, Flee With \$30,000

Dows, Iowa.—State agents joined local officers all over Iowa in the search for seven or eight men who terrorized the village of Dows, wrecked the bank of Dows Savings bank and escaped with approximately \$10,000 in cash and \$20,000 in bonds.

All residents who appeared at their windows during the blasting inside the bank were fired upon, lookouts firing nearly 100 shots. Night Marshal August Welsh and Harry Little, Rock Island station agent, were made captives by the bandits and locked in the bank.

Tom Murray Is Dead

Chicago.—Tom Murray, county commissioner, whose advertising slogan "meet me face to face," made him famous in local clothing business circles before he entered politics, died in the University hospital after two operations.

Five Children Die in Fire

Holden, Mass.—Five children of John J. Hoey were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the Hoey home, a two-story dwelling.

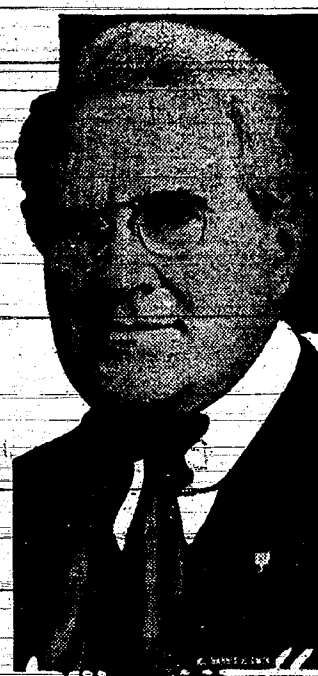
Winding Railways

The following are some of the most crooked railroads: Durpeeling-Hillings, in India; Tamapala railway, in California; Oroya Railway of Peru. The Tamapala railway has to have a hinge in the engine and short-length cars to take abrupt turns in the track.

Words in Holy Books

There are 683,493 words in the Old Testament, and 181,268 words in the New Testament.

GRIDIRON CHIEF



Clifford K. Berryman, International famous cartoonist, who was elected president of the Gridiron club at the annual dinner of that unique Washington organization.

23 FOUND GUILTY IN BIG DISTILLERY PLOT

Face Two-Year Prison Sentence and \$10,000 Fine.

Indianapolis.—Twenty-three men from St. Louis, Cincinnati and Chicago were found guilty in Federal court here of conspiracy to violate the national prohibition laws in connection with withdrawal of 30,000 gallons of prewar whisky from the Jack Daniel distillery at St. Louis.

Twenty of the men are from St. Louis, where several of them are prominent in politics; two are from Cincinnati and one from Chicago. December 30 was set by Judge Robert C. Baltzell for passing sentence. A maximum sentence of two years in may be assessed.

Among those convicted were: Arnold J. Heilmann, former collector of internal revenue; Nat Goldstein, D. C. Circuit court judge and former clerk of the Circuit court; State Senator Michael J. Kinney; Michael J. Whelan, former alderman; and William J. Kinney, deputy internal revenue collector, all of St. Louis.

Mrs. Ada Gehrum, John Gehrum and August Walter, Cincinnati, were exonerated by the jury.

2,000 Chinese Killed or Wounded in Yangtze

London.—Two thousand Chinese were killed or wounded in the Yangtze sun battle area in the recent fighting, according to a dispatch from Tientsin to the Daily Mail. This area lies between Peking and Tientsin. Japanese railway guards at Newchwang, Manchuria, are holding 20 Chinese armies of 30,000—those of the Manchurian leader, Chang, and the rebel, Kuo Sun Ling—12 miles apart, denying both the right of transit through the railway zone. The Japanese troops took possession of Mukden, notifying Marshal Chiang Tsoilin that he cannot return, unless he comes in the name of an undisputed victor or unarmed refugee. General Chang expressed great indignation at his virtual election from his own capital.

Elaine Harris Loses Fight to Hald Spouse

New York.—Mrs. Eleanor Elaine Lee Harris lost her appeal from the judgment annulling her marriage to Beverly Harris, a former vice president of the National City bank, when the appellate division affirmed the annulment.

Harris was awarded an interlocutory decree of annulment by Supreme Court Justice Wagner in June, 1925, after a jury which heard the case had recommended that an annulment be granted. The jury found Mrs. Harris guilty of misrepresenting her social status and moral character to Harris before their marriage. Harris filed his annulment suit in 1922.

Express Train Held Up;

\$100,000 in Silks Stolen

Hackensack, N. J.—The Wells Fargo express train, 13, Chicago bound, and carrying no passengers was robbed between Hackensack bridge and H. B. Junction, N. J., of manufacturers' silks and expensive women's wear, estimated at \$100,000 in value. The robbers are believed to have boarded the express just before it left the New York terminal.

May Drop Schall Contest

Washington.—The senate informed counsel for Magnus Johnson that unless specific charges were filed, the investigation in the contest filed by Johnson against Senator Schall, republican of Minnesota, would not be carried further.

Hammond Envoys to Spain

Washington.—Ogden H. Hammond of New Jersey was nominated by President Coolidge to be ambassador to Spain.

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Farm Bureau Notes

R. D. BAILEY County Agent

Merry Christmas!

A Merry Christmas for all our readers is the earnest wish of the writer of these notes.

We must admit that there is much, very much to be thankful for—a country at peace in which to plan and to strive; health, hope, our family, our friends, good-school system, opportunity abundance of food and fuel, national prosperity of which we may partake as much as we have ability, diligence and ideals.

Things are well with us. We are blessed beyond what we appreciate. To realize the value of all the above blessings, we would need to live in some European countries, while where these things are lacking, for instance, in Bolshevik Russia.

To appreciate the roof over our heads, the abundant meat, milk, cream, eggs, and other food, the abundant and cheap fire wood, incident to our farms, perhaps we ought to be for a while without a job in a big city, with a family on our hands.

Another Farmer Meets Progress. We record with pride that Mr. John Canfield, on the Cross farm, in Beaver Creek township, last week purchased from Mr. John McGillis of South Branch township, a fine registered, purebred Holstein bull calf, out of the choice bull belonging to the New York Central Lines, and now kept by Mr. McGillis.

The dam of this fine young sire just purchased by Mr. Canfield is a cow purchased by Mr. McGillis when he and the county agent attended a sale of purebred Holsteins away beyond Gladwin a few years ago, at the time when Mr. McGillis cleared out the whole herd of 17 scrubs and put the money into a few choice purebreds, and says he is glad he did.

We always feel very glad at each new purebred sire or heifer that is brought into the county, for it so greatly improves our stock, and takes the people that much farther on the road to prosperity and real farming.

The coming of this bull to Mr. Canfield's here makes 32 registered, purebred sires that the county agent has had a hand in bringing in.

There have been 12 to 15 purebred cows or heifers brought in.

This good stock will be showing in the county for years to come.

Who Gets the Next One?

On the farm of Andrew Mortenson is a fine thirty-year-old purebred Holstein bull calf, born this fall, out of stock that the County agent helped Mr. Mortenson get from Mt. Pleasant.

It will be of considerable interest to good farmers to see who gets this, the best bull calf that we know of for sale, in the county.

Learn More and Earn More.

Short Courses of one to eight weeks duration begin at our Agricultural College January 4. Expense is light. Hundreds of ambitious young men and women, and some old enough to be their parents, attend each winter.

They learn more and will certainly earn more, and farm life will take on new and pleasant meanings for them.

Will It Pay to Prepare?

It will. Farming has struck bottom and is on the rebound. Prospects for trained farmers are rapidly improving. The future for the untrained, untrained farmer, who merely puts his time and labor, but not his brain into farming looks dark. A few dark! He will be crowded to the wall by the onrush of better methods and efficiency in the hands of others.

What a Great Farm Thinker Says.

Professor G. P. Warren, of Cornell University is one of the greatest agricultural economists of the United States. He says in his new book, "The Agricultural Situation": "This is a good time for a young man to prepare for farming when he can buy a good farm business at a low price. From the long-time point of view, farming promises as desirable a mode of life as ever."

Wages are so good that one can earn money rapidly during vacations. Probably it will be a long time before there is a better opportunity to save money—out of wages, provided the worker is willing to GO WITHOUT some of the things that are not necessary.

FORMER LEAGUE BALL PLAYER NOW SUPERINTENDENT OF BELLEVILLE COAL MINE

"Bob" Groom Recalls Days When Ball Was Played for the Actual Sport of the Game, Without Huge Incomes as An Incentive.

In the Encyclopedia Britannica some day one will read:

ROBERT "BOB" GROOM—American sportsman; at one time big league ball player. Home, Belleville, Illinois. Played ball about twelve years, eight years of which was devoted to professional playing. As member of the Coast League Groom was bought by Washington, of which he and Walter Johnson were the principal pitchers, played with St. Louis Federals, which team later was absorbed by the Browns; later went to the Clevelanders, after which he retired from professional playing to devote time to the building of a home team, known as the "White Rose." Later became mine superintendent. Home address, 2124 West "A" street.

To his thousands of friends Groom is known as a true sportsman.

He played ball because he loved the horsehide pill. He played like his team companions, to beat the other team first, last and all the time whenever and wherever. It was his main purpose to slip over the greatest number of runs. There was little, if any, talk about the great American game ten years ago. It was "best team win."

Groom Praised Indu. "If anyone believed that superior training is a sort of a feather bed job he is welcome to try it. There were many unpleasant things to contend with, not the least

sary for his health or education. Many persons always spend all they earn as soon as they get it. If they have not spent it before, they prefer temporary pleasure to future happiness, or maybe carried along by their associates rather than control their own lives. The young man who plans to be a farmer must have more self-control. He must pass by shop windows, see things that he desires and keep his money in his pocket, because he wishes to save it for future needs.

The safest investment of time and money for a young man is education. We hear men regretting all kinds of expenditures and mistakes of the past. Have you ever heard a man regret that he studied so long?"

Navy to "Attack" Cities. Los Angeles, Cal.—Attacks on San Francisco and New York will be part of the battle maneuvers for the United States fleet in 1928 and 1929.

Florida Express Embargoed. Jacksonville, Fla.—The American Express company placed an embargo on all express shipments into Florida, excepting foodstuffs, and on all out-bound citrus fruits and fish originating south of here.

To Guard Sugar Workers. Havana.—Gen. Alberto Herrera chief of staff of the Cuban army, ordered military posts throughout the island to protect sugar cane field workers where a guard is requested.

CHRISTMAS ZEST

CHRISTMAS zest warms the heart and makes the heart glow. Do not let an outside cynicism rob you of this flow.

Do not cut your tip and say you know the elevator man or the grocery boy or the many others to whom you give a little Christmas joy is just looking for the present and is being polite for that reason.

Enjoy their pleasure in receiving. Enjoy yourself in giving. And doesn't every one enjoy presents? When you say:

"He's looking for a Christmas present," you lose half your own joy.

When you say:

"What an opportunity to add a little present to another person's Christmas," you have your own full measure of joy.

Christmas zest must not be bereft of any of its spirit. Mary Graham Bonner.

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UNCLE HANK



After young folks get married, they want to be careful to have their tail light lit, so's not to be overmin by relatives.

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among them being dampness. Many men working about coal mines contract malaria. Just why it is hard to explain, but hardly a day passes that some of the men do not complain about pains shooting all over them. To get rid of this and a general tired feeling I commenced taking INDU. I was following a lot of the family and most of the people of Belleville. Just had to be in style. The phrase goes: "INDU has proved its worth to my full satisfaction. I have taken five bottles and I can honestly praise it as a splendid all-around tonic up- tonic."

"While I'm not stuck on newspaper publicity, yet I am glad to see a good word for INDU because I believe in it."

Mr. Groom is superintendent of the Richmond mine, Belleville.

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